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PEDIATRIC PRIORITY LIST: CITIZEN PETITION

The undersigned submits this petition pursuant to 21 C.F.R. §10.30, pursuant to Food and Drug Administration Docket No. 98N – 0056, "List of Approved Drugs for Which Additional Pediatric Information May Produce Health Benefits in the Pediatric Population" (May 20, 1999), and pursuant to paragraph V(c) of FDA, "Guidance for Industry: Qualifying for Pediatric Exclusivity under Section 505A of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act" (June 1998), under Section 505A of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act 21 USC §355a, to request the Commissioner of Food and Drugs to add Paricalcitol to the Priority List of Approved Drugs for which Additional Pediatric information May Produce Health Benefits in the Pediatric Population, as published by FDA under Docket No. 98N – 0056 ("Priority List").

A. Action Requested

The undersigned requests that the Commissioner add Paricalcitol (Zemplar®) to the Priority List.

B. Statement of Grounds

Zemplar® is a synthetically manufactured vitamin D analog that reduces parathyroid hormone (PTH) levels. It is approved in intravenous formulation as Paricalcitol (NDA 20-819).

Zemplar® was approved on April 17, 1998 with an indication for the prevention and treatment of secondary hyperparathyroidism associated with chronic renal failure. Zemplar is a second-generation vitamin D analog that could be of value in treating those pediatric patients with chronic renal failure, as vitamin D therapy is an essential component of drug therapy in all patients with chronic renal failure. Without vitamin D therapy, patients will develop hyperparathyroidism that could lead to serious complications including renal osteodystrophy. Due to the severity of the indicated disease, additional information on Zemplar® may produce health benefits in the pediatric population.

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FDA included calcitriol injection (Calcijex®), a vitamin D analog, on the List of Approved Drugs for which Additional Information May Produce Health Benefits in the Pediatric Population. Since Paricalcitol is vitamin D analog as well, it is reasonable to add it to the Priority List to facilitate the issuance of a Written Request for pediatric studies under § 111 (c) of the Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act of 1997, 21 USC § 355a (c).

C. Environmental Impact

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The subject matter of this petition is not within any of the categories of action for which an environmental assessment is required pursuant to 21 C.F.R §25.22, and is exempt pursuant to 21 C.F.R. §25.30(a), in that it is concerned with routine FDA administrative and management activities.

D. Economic Impact

Not requested.

E. Certification

The undersigned certifies that, to the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, this petition includes all information and views on which the petition relies, and that it includes representative data and information known to the petitioner which are unfavorable to the petition.

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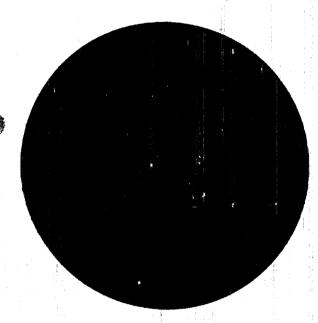
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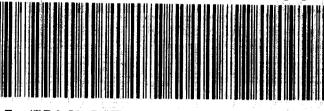
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